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SUBJECT: GREECE'S NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM

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1. EMBREPS DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF REF A WITH DEMETRIOS SYMEON, ACTING GENERAL DIRECTOR, POWER PRODUCTION AND TRANSMISSION DIVISION, PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION ON JUNE 3. SYMEON INDICATED THAT PPC INTENDS TO NOTIFY ERDA IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE OF ITS DESIRE TO EXTEND THROUGH JULY 1, 1976 ITS CONDITIONAL ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONTRACT (AS PER REF B). PPC OFFICIALS MAY AT THAT TIME INCLUDE A REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON POSSIBILITY MENTIONED PARA 6 REF A OF ASSUMPTION OF COMMITMENT HELD BY US UTILITY WHOSE PROJECT HAS BEEN DEFERRED OR CANCELLED.

2. WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED FIRST GREEK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, SYMEON INDICATED THAT HE BELIEVES PROJECT WILL GO FORWARD, WITH COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION IN 1977, COMPLETION BY 1984, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND OPERATION BY 1985. PPC READY TO PROCEED WITH MAPPING OF

PROSPECTIVE PLANT SITES BY OWN PERSONNEL. SYMEON STATED THAT FOREIGN EXPERTISE ESSENTIAL FOR SITE SELECTION AND DRAFTING OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, BUT WAS NON-COMMITTAL ABOUT RESURRECTION OF BECHTEL CONSULTANCY CONTRACT (REF C)

3. ON PPC INVESTMENT PROGRAM, SYMEON OBSERVED THAT ENERGY CRISIS AND ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN HAD DRAMATICALLY AFFECTED ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION IN 1974, AND THAT PPC'S ESTIMATE FOR ANNUAL GROWTH OF DEMAND FOR ELECTRIC POWER HAS BEEN REVISED DOWNWARD TO ABOUT 8 PERCENT FOR NEXT 6 TO 7 YEARS (VICE EARLIER EXPECTATIONS OF 14 PERCENT). INVESTMENT PROGRAM HAS BEEN TRIMMED AND STRETCHED OUT FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE WITH TENDERS FOR 300 MW LIGNITE-BURNING AND 300 MW HYDRO UNIT POSTPONED UNTIL 1976, AND PLANS FOR 300 MW OIL-FIRED UNIT CANCELLED.

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